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June 10, 2014

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**VERMONT AVENUE AT 245TH STREET  
INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL  
UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF WEST CARSON  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2)  
(3 VOTES)**

**ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

12 June 10, 2014

*Sachi A. Hamai*  
SACHI A. HAMAI  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

### **SUBJECT**

This action is to install a traffic signal at the intersection of Vermont Avenue and 245th Street in the unincorporated community of West Carson.

### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Find that the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Vermont Avenue and 245th Street is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Instruct the Director of Public Works or her designee to install a traffic signal at the intersection of Vermont Avenue at 245th Street in the unincorporated community of West Carson.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended action is to improve safety for vehicular and pedestrian traffic. On April 2, 2014, the Los Angeles County Highway Safety Commission (HSC) heard an appeal from community representatives of the Palo Del Amo Woods Homeowners Association regarding the Department of Public Works' recommendation to not install a traffic signal at the intersection of Vermont Avenue at 245th Street. Public Works' staff reported that the traffic signal studies conducted for the intersection of Vermont Avenue and 245th Street concluded that a traffic signal was not recommended. However, after hearing the testimony as well as reviewing signed petitions from residents from the Palo Del Amo Woods community and Cornerstone Church, the HSC determined that it would be in the best interest of the community to install a traffic signal. Therefore, the HSC approved a motion to install a traffic signal at the intersection of Vermont Avenue and 245th Street.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3). By installing a traffic signal, the residents of the unincorporated County communities who travel on Vermont Avenue and 245th Street will benefit with enhanced traffic safety.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The total project cost is estimated to be \$250,000. In addition to the construction contract cost, the total project cost includes the preparation of plans and specifications, inspection, contract administration, change order contingency, and other County services.

Funding for this project will be included in the Second Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program in the Fiscal Year 2014-15 Road Fund Budget.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Section 15.16.060 of the County Code authorizes the HSC to investigate traffic control requests made by the public and to report its recommendations to the Board.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The installation of new traffic signal systems is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301(c) of the CEQA Guidelines and Class I(x) 5 of the Environmental Reporting Procedures and Guidelines approved by the Board on November 17, 1987.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Implementation of these traffic controls will have a positive impact by enhancing traffic safety for the traveling public thereby benefiting the community.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Traffic and Lighting Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thurston Reese', written over a horizontal line.

THURSTON REESE  
Chair of the Highway Safety Commission

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cc: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)  
County Counsel (Warren Wellen)  
Executive Office  
Department of Public Works (Gail Farber)